

International Association Open Digital Space for the Mediterranean e-Omed Call for projects 2020

1. Overall context

The e-Omed Association aims at bridging existing inter-university cooperation on all sides of the Mediterranean basin and at developing concrete achievements made in this framework. Its goals are to :

- reduce the digital gap between the Mediterranean shores;
- promote human development through access to knowledge for those who can be subject to geographical, economic or socio-cultural constraints;
- promote continuous enrichment and enhancement of the common heritage by the user community.

In this general framework, our association is honoured to open the 2020 call:

"DIGITAL EVALUATION AND CERTIFICATION".

While development of distance learning via digital techniques has been successful, many institutions are still reluctant to organise remote assessment due to many pedagogical, legal, administrative and technical issues. The COVID health crisis provided an opportunity to test a number of existing solutions, to apply improvised and new solutions. Are ID authentication of the candidates, verification of the conditions under which they are taking the examination, fight against fraud, marking procedures, etc. likely to be dematerialised in a secure manner? This is part 1 of this call for projects.

Organisation of the examination committee, juries, validation of the results, certification of the qualifications are the following steps in digitisation of training courses. Few institutions have yet adopted digital certification techniques. Security and accessibility of the distance certification systems are major issues in the development of digital higher education, especially around the Mediterranean. This is part 2 of this call for projects.

The selected projects must propose pedagogical or technical devices to understand, develop, deploy and share effective and replicable solutions for digital assessment and certification.

2. Main objectives

The main objectives of this call are:

- the pooling and free access to existing digital resources.
- the promotion of the use of shared resources by using tools for collaboration and assistance, adaptation, reuse and user training.
- the promotion of the creation of international curricula.
- to support the development of the resources use in a Mediterranean collaborative framework, in particular to meet the needs of mass education.
- the development of research and innovation in ICTE.

3. Participation rules and selection criteria

1. Projects must be formally supported by a letter of commitment from the legal representative of each of the institutions involved.
2. In addition to the project leader, at least one associated partner must be member of e-Omed. The other partners may not be members of e-Omed at the time of submission of the project. They may apply for membership at any time.
3. The project leader and the associated partner members of e-Omed must be from different regions of the Mediterranean area. Non-member partners can be from any other region of the world.
4. Projects must address a large number of potential users, the project leader must ensure that the cost to the user remains reasonable;
5. The results of the selected projects must be freely accessible to all members of e-Omed and strictly limited to non-commercial uses of collective interest; They must be readily accessible via the e-Omed website;
6. The produced resources should always mention the e-Omed logo;
7. Projects dedicated to higher education must, as far as possible, be integrated into a training cycle such as Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate, engineering degree or specialty degrees. It can be of an initial training or all-at-life training.
8. Co-financing is an element in appraisal;
9. Projects resources must allow an easy appropriation and maintenance by users other than their authors;
10. Maximum projects duration is 18 months;
11. The project leader will assume responsibility, within the time limit, for:
 - a. developing the project,
 - b. providing deliverables,
 - c. submitting written assessments (intermediate and final) to be provided to the association in application of the agreement signed after project selection.

4. Selection process

The complete file must be:

- signed by the scientific leader(s) and by the legal representative of the establishments involved.

- sent by e-mail to Mrs Molka BEL CADHI and Mrs Catherine BARREAU at the following e-mail addresses - **NO LATER THAN 15 DECEMBER 2020 (deadline)**:

molka.belcadhi@eomed.org

catherine.barreau@eomed.org

The project evaluation is organised by the e-Omed office, which draws up a list by issuing a report and a ranking. Projects are selected up to the amount of funding available. The list of the selected projects and the amounts of the grants will be decided by the e-Omed Board of Directors at the beginning of 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact: catherine.barreau@eomed.org

5. Projects funding

The total e-Omed funding cannot exceed €15,000 which 50% maximum can be allocated to the non-e-Omed partner(s). The grant will be paid in two instalments: 50% after submission of the first report (month 6), 50% at the end of the project, upon presentation of the deliverables, the online availability of the produced resources and a final report including, among other things, all supporting documents for expenses. Any delay exceeding 12 months will result in the reimbursement of the sums advanced.

6. Agenda

July 2020	Opening of the call
15 Dec. 2020	Dead-line for the submission to : molka.belcadhi@eomed.org , catherine.barreau@eomed.org
December 2020- January 2021	Project reviewing process
January-February 2021	Selection/ranking by the e-Omed board
February-March 2021	Agreement signature and project kick-off